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## *Work and Shirk*

*Work and Shirk are two little brothers;  
Work is always busy, doing things for others;  
Shirk is very lazy, and lies around the house,  
Stretching and yawning, as useless as a mouse.  
All through the day Work makes things hum,  
But Shirk sits around, and just looks glum.  
Which do you think is dearly loved by others—  
Work or Shirk, these well-known little brothers?*

—From *The Young Soldier*, Toronto.

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## EDITORIAL

Much has been in the news recently about the few American boys who have refused repatriation. They have had their minds saturated with wrong ideas and have thereby been misled by an opposing people — opposed to truth.

We all realize the seriousness of this situation because we know how untrue is the propaganda which has been pumped into them. The enemy has apparently painted a rosy picture before their mind's eye to deceive them for propaganda purposes. These boys have not been strong enough to resist this enemy and are being led into a life which someday they, all too late, shall regret.

Evil forces have never yet been able to standardize their wrong to meet the level of right. No matter how good might be the build-up given by evil to the promises it makes, still it can never begin to equal a fraction of the good gained by right.

Had these American boys been taught the true principles of Christianity, they would not now

be taking the stand they do for the opposing side. The Christian standards of living would have shown them that false principles do not win in the end. Even though the pictures of good living painted to them might appear better than they had formerly received, yet they shall learn through bitter experience that the enemy of their souls always has a counterfeit for the upright and good things of life.

It is sad to think of these boys choosing to remain with the enemy. Their lives are lost to us here in this country, and we shall have to resign them to fate. But how much sadder it is to think of the lives lost everyday, not to the common enemy, Communism, but the arch enemy Satan. How much greater is the loss of a soul to Satan than one to another country. When people have tasted of the good things of God and then have turned their backs upon them, it is a bitter experience that follows. Satan is always ready with flowery pictures of better living for those who will lend an ear. Some are deceived by these pictures, because they are not firmly established in God's Word and do not cherish His promises. The Word says that when we have put our hand to the plow and then turn back we are not fit for the kingdom of God. Why should we be if we did such? We are not stable enough to make good citizens for His kingdom in that case. God wants people who will remain firm and not be easily persuaded and swished about by every wind of doctrine.

These is a chance that the boys may change their minds after

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# We Missed You at Church

By Bertie Freeman

*"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1).*

**C**HURCH attendance is a part of our Christian obligation. It is our trysting place with God, a house of prayer where we may meet together to renew our covenant with God. Church is a place of fellowship with others of like precious faith. Church is a place where we hear testimonies of those who are living the lives of overcomers, and by their testimony we renew our courage and zeal. Church is a place where we worship God because our forefathers fought and died for the privilege of worshipping God in freedom and peace.

David tells us to "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name" (Psa. 100:4). Go to church with a prayerful attitude and an expectation of a promised blessing. Praise God in song, prayer and the study of His Word. It has been truly said that we get out of services just what we put into them. If we go to worship God and gain a blessing, we can be sure we will leave with a blessing.

We should never miss an opportunity to attend church services. Excuses may be varied, but mostly they produce the same results—coldness and drifting away from God. Most excuses are the results of negligence. Once a person gets into the habit of missing church services it causes him to

neglect other Christian duties, those of prayer, church support, and godly living.

In Hebrews 10, Paul speaks of the effectiveness of Christ's sacrifice, how His body was offered once and for all for the atonement of man's sins. He warns believers to hold fast the faith, not neglecting, or abandoning their duties as followers of Christ. He urges them to be steadfast and faithful the same as the disciples in the early era of Christianity, when they "Continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). Now He tells them to consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works, exhorting them to assemble together for their individual and mutual good—"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25).

Can we see the day of the Lord approaching? We have but to read the daily papers and compare them with Bible prophecies to know that the coming of our Lord draweth nigh. Human nature hasn't changed much since Paul's day. Evidently there were those who did forsake assembling together for worship. To some in Galatia Paul wrote, "I marvel that ye are so soon re-



moved from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ" (Gal. 1:6, 7). Falling away from the faith and being swayed by every wind of doctrine can many times be traced to neglect of church worship.

Zechariah, in speaking of the restoration of Jerusalem, said, "And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also" (Zech. 8: 21). How much better this old world would be if each person who professes Christ would go speedily, or continually to seek the Lord of hosts for mercy and peace. Can you say with Zechariah, "I will go also"? This is the answer of a man invited. We must have God as our friend. The invitation is always to you to come, but we cannot expect Him to be our friend unless we seek Him. We know not what a new day may bring forth, so let us go speedily to pray and worship.

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" (Mal. 3:16, 17). There are those godly people who in time of joy, peace, danger and vengeance, cleave together because their sole purpose and ideal is to worship

God acceptably. They fear God and reverence His precepts and ordinances, desiring to depart from evil. They speak often one to another or meet together in religious communion and through exhortation, strengthen one another.

God's name is sacred to His people; therefore, they should meditate thereupon. It brings to their minds power, justice, mercy and omniscience. God hearkened and heard their conversation. He approved of their meditation and a book of remembrance was written before Him. "They shall be mine," or God's subjects and followers, and a reward will be theirs when He comes. They shall be spared when the wicked are punished with everlasting destruction. They are God's jewels. His treasure because they have lived righteously.

You missed a blessing when you failed to come to God's house for worship. We missed you and hoped you could come to the next service when again we looked in vain. Don't fail to attend church, and above all do not forget to pray so that you will remain faithful to God and have your name written in God's book of remembrance. God needs you, but most of all—you need God.

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#### MAN'S

nature, with an unregenerated

#### HEART STOPS

at nothing if he continues to harbor hate. But he will forgive

#### SEVEN TIMES

and more, all who do him wrong, when God gives him a new heart upon repentance, and he begins

#### LIVING

for Christ who died to forgive him.



# HUMAN LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

*and noble because it houses God*

By Nathan Straub

**L**IFE in itself is a marvel. Life is to some a mystery. They do not know what to make of this ordeal of getting up in the morning and moving about and lying down again at night.

Life is full of sorrow, grief and pain. It also is full of cheer and joy, which makes the words seem true, "Human life is beautiful."

In the title you will notice these words: "it houses God." That is the supreme factor in this article—human life houses God. In Genesis 2:7 we notice it says, the Lord "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

There was a man—a perfect creation of God. He had within "life"—God-given life. In one sense God dwelt in the life He gave Adam, and likewise He dwells in our lives today. First Corinthians 3:16 says in part: "and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you." The seventeenth verse goes on with "which temple ye are."

Can we now conclude that we are the temple of God and that He dwells in that temple? God is our life. The human body is made up of miles of blood vessels and nerves. The body is capable of more difficult movements than anything man ever made. Man is quite a creation, yet one could take a pin and stick a dead man in the hand and he would not say

anything, but try it on a living man and he will at least say "ouch." The dead man still has the nerves, veins and so forth, but what is the difference? The answer is "life"—the life that God gave us—the life He lives in us. That is why human life is so beautiful. It houses God because it houses life.

Human life is beautiful, not only in the sense that it houses God which is the greatest point, but it is also beautiful because it can help others. We have the privilege of helping God's other children.

A song called "A Beautiful Life" starts out: "Each day I'll do a golden deed, by helping those who are in need." Another verse continues: "While traveling down life's weary road, I'll try to bear some traveler's load." On through the entire song it describes a beautiful life—a life which is spent entirely in helping others.

Life really is worth living when we can spend it in helping others. I talked with a person the other day and he was telling me of an experience he had had in helping a friend. When he finished telling of the experience he stated that he really felt warm inside and it gave him an urge to carry on for the Master. He told me of other friends coming to him with problems and in speaking, said that his aim in life was to work for the betterment of friends and



himself, thus building for the Kingdom through helping others.

I am reminded of the few times I have heard people say, "Well, I've got a right to live my own life. I have the privilege to live it the way it is without other people." There is only one thing wrong with the statement. It is very incorrect.

In the first place, one has no right to his own life, because he does not own his life, for it belongs to the Creator. God gave it and He can take it away at any time. In the second place, one does not have the privilege to live it the way he wishes without other people, because that is not why we are here. We are here to live our life—the life God loaned us—for other people and in turn for God. After all, man was created to glorify God.

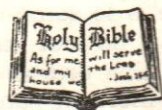
Sad to say, there are people who are "living" their "own" lives and some of these are entering one of California's state prisons at the rate of 270 per month. That is about nine per day. Most of them tried to *live* their *own* lives. That is not the only place. We may walk down "skid-row" in many cities and see men and women drunken and dope addicts in places *living* their lives for themselves and being a reproach to mankind. The once perfect creation of God, made for His glory is now in prison. Some are lying in the streets, some dying most horrible deaths, *living* their *own* lives.

Whose life are we going to live? No one's I hope. We should help those we can and spend our lives doing just that. We will soon understand "that human life is beautiful."

Remember now — God created

us. He gave us our life, our all, and in turn we are asked to help God's other children.

Christ said what ever you do to the least of mine you do it unto me. Let us thank God for this beautiful, noble, life He gave us by helping others.



## A Bit of Bible History

(1. About how many years span the time between Ezra and Nehemiah? 2. Who was Nehemiah? 3. What condition was Jerusalem in when he inquired about it? 4. How did he regard this news? 5. What did he do as noted in Nehemiah 1:4? 6. What are some of the main points in his noted prayer? 7. What was one of the last things he asked of the Lord? V. 11.)

### TODAY'S STORY

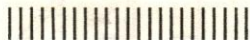
Several months passed after Nehemiah heard of the lamentable conditions at Jerusalem before he spoke to king Artaxerxes. The king began to note his sad appearance. "Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing but sorrow of heart," asked the king.

Nehemiah was afraid when he was thus questioned, "Why should not my countenance be sad," he replied, "when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?" (Neh. 2:3). This man of God did not evade the question. He came directly to the point at once, no doubt great-

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# A Sign for Cynthia



Youth camp was wonderful— simply wonderful! Cynthia Simmons sighed happily to herself. Even in spite of Evelyn Bass it was a glorious place to be. Evelyn wasn't a Christian, but her folks sent her to camp every year hoping it would do her some good. She made no secret of her hearty dislike for Cynthia, in fact she displayed it openly every chance she got. But this morning nothing could cast a shadow upon Cynthia's delight. The classes and the teachers and leaders were just right. She could tell it was going to be a profitable time. And besides all that James had asked her to go on the hike with him this afternoon.

When James met her in front of the girls' dorm, Cynthia felt a little sense of triumph. He was about the nicest boy in camp. There had never, thought Cynthia, been a more beautiful day. The sky was clear and blue and the little brook which they followed into the woods babbled happily along. Of course, Evelyn and her cronies were along, too, and at times very close by, but it wasn't long before Cynthia forgot all about them.

James had a lot of interesting things to tell her about his home town in the northern part of the state. But finally he said, "Say, I've been doing all the talking. Now I want to hear about you."

Cynthia took a deep breath and started in. She told him about her wonderful home and parents, and about the Y. P. group of

which she was president. And she did stress the fact that she was a very good president, and that the group had definitely improved since she was the leader. She told him about being secretary of her class, too, and what a wonderful joy she was doing of that.

Then she thought she would mention the good grades she got at school and how beautifully she learned to sew. And of course she discussed the high standards that were hers and the way she measured up. All of these things were true. Cynthia was really a fine, lovely girl, and she didn't mean to brag. But quite unconsciously she had formed the habit of giving herself an occasional pat on the back.

By the time the hike was over Cynthia noticed that James was considerably cooler than he had been. Whatever had she done to make him lose interest in her? When he said good-bye, Cynthia felt that the whole afternoon had been a failure.

It wasn't until she was on her way back to the dorm after the evening service that Cynthia got any inkling of what the trouble had been. She was walking along and her rubber soled shoes didn't make any noise on the gravel walk. Suddenly she heard voices coming from behind one of the big trees.

"You should have heard her, kid." It was Evelyn's voice. "She spent the whole afternoon telling him how wonderful she is. He

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# TEEN

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## The Courage of His Convictions

Weak-kneed principles always awaken contempt. Harry Shepler, a young man of whom the *Sunday School Times* tells, was in the signal service. Being ordered one morning by a sergeant to report for duty at the canteen, he refused to do so, and the sergeant threatened to report him to the officer of the day.

"All right," said Shepler, "go ahead. I did not enlist to be a bartender, but a soldier, and I will not report at the canteen!"

He was duly reported to the major, who sent for him. Shepler went with trembling knees but with a steady heart, for he knew he was right. The officer said to him:

"Are you the young man who disobeyed orders this morning?"

"Yes, Sir, I am."

"Why did you do it?"

"Simply because I do not believe it is right to do what I was asked to do. I enlisted to be a soldier and not a bartender."

The major arose quickly from his stool, and, extending his hand, said:

"Shepler, you are the kind of man we want. I am glad to see a fellow who has the courage of his convictions. You are not obliged to report at the canteen."

The great need of the day is

for men to have convictions founded upon the Word of God, and then to be true to those convictions.

—*Christian Victory Magazine.*

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## IT'S YOUR GUESS

What do you know about Sennacherib?

1. His name in the Hebrew language means—  
a. thorny, b. conqueror of armies, c. cliff of escapes
2. He was the son of—  
a. Sargon, b. Samuel, c. Sharezer
3. His name in the Assyrian language means—  
a. the elders, b. the sun, c. the moon
4. He ascended to the throne in—  
a. B.C. 601, b. 702, c. 803
5. He made war against—  
a. Judah, b. Israel, c. Babylon
6. He also warred against king—  
a. Hezekiah, b. Saul, c. Darius
7. He reigned on the throne—  
a. 20, b. 21, c. 22 years
8. He was slain by his—  
a. sons, b. servants, c. a Seer

Answers to *It's Your Guess*  
2, 6, 8, a; 1, 4, b; 3, 5, 7, c

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If Boy Scouts aim to do one good deed a day how about the Christian?





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# TALK

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## DO IT WHEN IT NEEDS DOING

The time to do a thing is when it needs doing. After a plant has died of drought, it is useless to water it. While it needed water, perhaps a little water would have sufficed; now even a deluge would be utterly useless. The time to do a thing is, also, when we are able to do it. The time may come when opportunity will appeal to helplessness, and will necessarily appeal in vain. The ability to do may not long be ours. Perhaps the saddest pictures are the visions of what might have been; but no tears can blot out our blunders, and no vain wishes can put life into the bloodless limbs of the deeds we do not do. The time to do good is when opportunity appeals to ability; when God and humanity call us to do our best.—*Unknown.*

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## COULDN'T PACK IT UP

A young minister was leaving an English town and was bidding an old lady good-by. "Well, sir," she said, "you'll be busy packing up your belongings, I expect?" "Yes," he replied. "I have only a few things to get into the boxes now." "There's one thing you won't be able to pack up, sir," said the old lady. "You'll have to leave that behind." "I don't know. Whatever is that?" questioned the

minister. "You can't pack your influence, sir," she answered quietly.

That is true whether influence is good or bad. "The seeds of good we sow both in shade and shine will grow"—it is well to remember it; and it is just as true that "the evil that men do lives after them." What kind of influence will you leave behind when God's call comes?

—*Christian Herald.*

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## What Does It Mean?

(Here is a brief word study to help you understand the meaning of words found in your daily reading of the Scriptures.)

*Tires* (Isa. 3:18; Ezek. 24:17, 23) an ornamental headdress worn on festive occasions.

*Perfect* (1 Cor. 2:6) mature, full grown, all, wholly, utterly, uprightness, sincere.

*Carnal things* (Rom. 15:17) pertaining to material things, things of the flesh. In this case the needs of the human body.

*Carnal mind* (Rom. 8:6, 7) the mind that minds, obeys, is concerned with the things of the flesh.

*Shambles* (1 Cor. 10:25) a meat market, or a place for the selling of provisions of all kinds.

*Sith* (Ezek. 35:6) an Archaic word meaning "since, afterwards, seeing that."



## A SIGN FOR CYNTHIA

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was looking kind of sick of it all by time the hike was over."

There were some giggles, then someone asked, "Did you get that verse tacked up by her bed?"

"Sure did. Boy, when she sees that she'll be mad enough to leave camp!"

Cynthia didn't wait to hear any more. She went running up to her room, angry tears streaming down her face. Sure enough, hanging there on the wall over her bed was a big sign. It read, "Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger and not thine own lips." So that was what made James act the way he did! A wave of mortification swept over Cynthia. Guess the best thing for her to do was to go home. It would be impossible for her to face all the kids after this, for she knew that by morning everyone would know about the sign. She sat down on the bed, too miserable to move. It was only this morning that she'd thought camp was such a wonderful place. She'd been so sure then that this was going to be a profitable time. Now her whole little world was shattered. Then she read the sign again. That was a Scripture verse. Evelyn and her friends had hung it up there, but it was really God's Word. Just this morning the class had learned a verse about God's Word. Slowly Cynthia repeated it to herself. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Cynthia sat there and thought about it. Sometimes she did say complimentary things about herself, but she hadn't meant to

brag. But maybe it was tiresome to listen to even if it was true. And if God's Word said one shouldn't praise herself, then she'd been wrong to do it. Suddenly her sense of humor came to her rescue, and she began to laugh. No use to get mad. She had come to camp to learn more about Christian living, and this was a good lesson. She realized that Evelyn had meant only to hurt her, but Evelyn was just miserable and unhappy because she didn't know the Lord. Before Cynthia went to bed she made sure to do two things. One was to pray for Evelyn, the other was to thank the Lord for the lesson.

When Cynthia woke the next morning there was no feeling of dread at the thought of facing all the kids at camp. Instead there was a nice feeling that the Lord was very near by. James came over to her table after breakfast and asked to walk to class with her.

When they were alone he said, "I want you to know that I had nothing to do with that sign you found in your room last night. I'm very sorry about it."

"Oh, please don't feel sorry about it," Cynthia said, surprised that she would smile easily. "It was a lesson I needed to learn, and I'm glad for it. And besides, I know who did it."

"Aren't you angry with them?"

"No, you see it was really a favor they did me. Why should I be angry?"

There was admiration in James' eyes and voice when he said, "Say—you're all right!"

Just ahead of them behind that same big tree Cynthia could see Evelyn and some of her friends. They were so occupied with their



conversation that they didn't know anyone was coming. One of the girls was saying, "And when I passed them, she said to him, 'It was a lesson I needed to learn and I'm glad for it.' And then—"

Someone chuckled. "What a dope you are, Evelyn. You've gone and helped her get rid of the one fault she had. She'll be perfect now."

Evelyn's reply was drowned out in peals of laughter. James and Cynthia passed by unnoticed. "Yep I guess she's right," James said grinning, "you'll just about be perfect now."

Cynthia laughed happily. "Oh, no!" she said. "But if I were, I wouldn't say it for anything."

—By Ellis Martin in HiCall (adapted)

to the governor beyond the river. Moreover, he also had a letter to the keeper of the king's forest that he might get timbers and beams for the repair work to be undertaken. Verse 8 says, ". . . And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me."

God had therefore given Nehemiah favor in the sight of this gentile king. His prayers had been answered in that respect. Also Artaxerxes sent with Nehemiah some of his army men, evidently to protect him.

When he arrived in Jerusalem, he was there three days before setting about to survey the state of affairs so that he might begin to plan what to do next. It seems he wanted to keep his activities to begin with rather secret.

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## A BIT OF BIBLE HISTORY

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ly wondering what the king would say.

"For what dost thou make request?" asked the king.

It is likely Nehemiah's hopes began to rise when he heard these words, and from the Scriptures we gather he quickly prayed to God in silence or in his mind. Then he said, "If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldst send me unto Judah . . . that I may build it."

Artaxerxes then asked how long such a journey would take and when he would return. Nehemiah then told him how long it would take, and the king was evidently satisfied so he gave him leave to go to Jerusalem.

Not only did the king's cup-bearer have permission to go to his homeland, but he asked for letters of authority from the king

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## A WISE REPLY

A young minister was late in going home one evening from the church. He entered a crowded car, with his Bible under his arm, and at once there began some sneering remarks from some rough fellows. These remarks continued, and when the young minister started to leave the car one youth said, "Say, Mister, how far is it to Heaven?" Many a Christian under the circumstances would have kept quiet or have resented the insult; but the minister, with a quiet dignity and with all gentleness, replied, "It is only a step; will you take it now?"

This reply and the influence of the young minister's keeping his temper under provoking circumstances were later the means of bringing that young man to Christ.—Sel.



## California Y.P. Reports

(Sacramento)

The young people's meeting was held on January 16, 1954. Alvin Brenneise led the congregation in the song service. Dwain Bechthold was the leader for the evening.

The meeting opened with the singing of "Be a Light for Jesus," followed by the Scripture reading from Ephesians 6:1-18, read by Philip Jarwin. Nathan Straub led in prayer.

After the singing of the chorus "Everybody Ought to Know," Alvin Brenneise read a poem entitled "Choose Then Today." Philip Jarwin also read a poem and then Leah Kauzlarich sang "Who at My Door is Knocking?"

Nathan Straub recited the poem "I Met My Master." The congregation sang "Make Me More Like Thee." Keith Harlan also read a poem. Evelyn Reimche sang a solo and Betty Jarwin, Marlyn Hughes and Mary Sue Perry sang "Make Me a Blessing."

Brother and Sister Haeger sang "God Lead Us Along." The offering of \$6.30 was received.

Elder Harlan brought us a brief sermonette and then Philip Jarwin led the testimony service.

Nathan Straub dismissed the meeting with prayer.

After the meeting a business meeting was held with the following officers elected: Overseer, Philip Jarwin; Ass't Overseer, Dwain Bechthold; Sec'y - Treas., Marilyn Hughes; Ass't Sec'y - Treas., Betty Jarwin.

—Submitted by Mary Sue Perry

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(Lodi)

The quarterly business meeting was opened by Mike Reimche

and Alvin Brenneise with singing "What A Friend," accompanied at the piano by Arlene Springer. Elder E. A. Straub opened the service with prayer. The Scripture reading was read by Alvin Brenneise.

The program was as follows: Shirley Brenneise sang "In the Garden," which was followed by "Lifetime Earnings" read by Barbara Brenneise. A solo, "Jesus Took My Burden," was sung by Pat Schueler.

A reading "God Answers Prayer" was given by Alice Springer. Dallas Brenneise sang "The B-I-B-L-E." A trio from Sacramento sang "Make Me A Blessing." Leah Kauzlarich and Betty Reimche sang "He Hideth My Soul."

Betty Jarwin sang "Each Step of the Way" to conclude the program.

After a song by the congregation and a season of prayer the meeting was closed with a few testimonies. Nathan Straub dismissed the meeting with prayer.

The election of officers resulted in the following being elected: Overseer, Ezra Dais; Ass't Overseer, Clarence Severson; Sec'y - Treas., Nathan Straub; Ass't Sec'y - Treas., Alice Springer.

The offering received was \$4.61.

—Evelyn Reimche, Sec'y - Treas.

(By Nathan Straub)

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DID YOU KNOW that the word "bruit" is an old English and French word meaning a rumor or news? It is found in Jeremiah 10:22 and Nahum 3:19.

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Take in the vitamins from God's Word so that as a Christian you may B1.



# MIDWEST NEWS

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Semester number two is well under way here at *Midwest*. Registration took place Monday, and the classes resumed action on Tuesday morning. Several new classes offered this semester are Church leadership, English Composition, and a new music class which teaches directing. Part singing for special songs is being taught in another music class.

If you stepped into *Midwest's* halls, you wouldn't have to guess how eight of the students are spending their "spare" time this semester. You would hear a strange mixture of piano and vocal practicing. Yes, you guessed it. Many of our group are taking piano and voice lessons this semester from a local music teacher.

Last Sunday morning Lawrence Meier was the speaker at Mt. Zion.

The young people had charge of the Sabbath morning services here. "The Wealth of a Christian" was the topic, and Max was in charge of the program. Special songs were presented by Haskell, the male quartet, Dr. and Sister Carlin, Lorraine Faubion, the primary class, and Lyle and Roberta. LeRoy presented a talk on the subject of the program. The young people gained much good admonition from a talk given by Brother Sam Moore. He told of many experiences in his long Christian walk of life. He is now 95 years old.

Gladys and Joyce spent a very pleasant Sabbath day with the Straubs. After enjoying the morning services in St. Joseph, they journeyed on to Kansas City for

the afternoon services there. Ray presented two very challenging sermons.

We are happy to have added to our college this semester a very desirable asset—a school supply store. This will save many trips down town.

We are happy to have three new students this semester: Nelson Caswell, from New York, Jack Epperson, from California, and James Stroupe from North Carolina.

—Gladys Larson.

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## LANGUAGE

Thinking cannot be clear till it has had expression. We must write, or speak, or act our thoughts, or they will remain in a half torpid form. Our feelings must have expression, or they will be as clouds, which, till they descend in rain, will never bring up fruit or flowers. So it is with all the inward feelings; expression gives them development. Thought is the blossom; language the opening bud; action the fruit behind it.—*H. W. Beecher.*

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## HAPPINESS

Human happiness seems to consist in three ingredients: action, pleasure, and indolence. And though these ingredients ought to be mixed in different proportions, according to the disposition of the person, yet no one ingredient can be entirely wanting without destroying in some measure the relish of the whole composition.

—*Hume.*

# Poetic Gems

## WHEN THOU ART NEAR

When the day brings heavy trials,  
Thou, our Lord, art near!  
When the clouds are dark about us,  
Thy grace dispels our fear!

How often, when life's thorns have  
picked,  
We turn in faith to Thee,  
And find Thee always near us,  
To give tranquillity!

We only need to pin our trust  
Upon Thy precious Word—  
To trust, to know, that Thou art near,  
And feel our strength restored!

We are so understood by Thee;  
You know our weakness, Lord;  
And so You give us of Your strength,  
And every help afford!

We lean on Thee, we trust in Thee,  
And never are betrayed;  
For Thou wilt never fail us;  
With Thee, we're not afraid!

—Elnora Hawkins in Gospel Herald.

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## TOMORROW

God is in every tomorrow,  
Therefore I live for today,  
Certain of finding at sunrise  
Guidance and strength for the way;  
Power for each moment of weakness,  
Hope for each moment of pain,  
Comfort for every sorrow,  
Sunshine and joy after rain.

God is in every tomorrow,  
Planning for you and me;  
E'en in the dark will I follow—  
Trust where my eyes cannot see:

Stilled by His promise of blessing,  
Soothed by the touch of His hand,  
Confident in His protection,  
Knowing my life-path is planned.

God is in every tomorrow,  
Life with its changes may come;  
He is behind and before me;  
While in the distance shines Home!  
Home—where no thought of tomorrow  
Ever can shadow my brow;  
Home—in the presence of Jesus  
Through all eternity—now.

—Sel.

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## THE THINGS WE LEAVE UNDONE

We pride ourselves full often  
Upon the good we do,  
And feel great satisfaction  
Each day the whole year through.

But what about those others,  
The things we left undone?  
Will they not haunt and mock us  
When each day's rest is won?

The letter left unwritten,  
The helpful word unsaid,  
The mourner without comfort,  
The hungry child unfed?

It would have been so easy  
For us to stop a while,  
Replacing tears of heartache  
And sorrow with a smile.

But we have been so busy!  
If Christ should come today,  
How would our deeds of kindness  
And those left undone weigh?

—Pearl Neilson in Lighted Pathway.



# Endure Ye All Things

By Roberta Harris, Midwest Student

**H**AVE YOU ever heard, "I just can't understand why I have so much hard luck," or "Everything happens to me; I don't know why"?

Perhaps those who know not Christ cannot understand why certain things happen to them, and then it may be that Christians sometimes fail to grasp the meaning of the many obstacles that come in their lives.

We are told in 1 Peter 4:12-13 not to think it strange that we have fiery trials, but to rejoice in that we can partake of some of the sufferings Christ endured. Many of us have a long way to go, I fear, to reach the place where we can rejoice at our hardships in life. There is another good verse in 1 Peter 5:9 which admonishes us to remain steadfast in the faith because our brethren (in the faith) also suffer the same as we. Then verse ten comforts us by saying that after we have suffered a little while God will make us perfect, stablished, strengthened and settled, receiving eternal glory if we remain firm in Him.

We have the assurance in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that temptation is common to all men. Matthew 5:12 says to "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." There are many examples in the Bible of persecutions and tribulations. In the New Scriptures we think of the stoning of Stephen, the

various persecutions of Paul; and in the Old Scriptures, of Job, Jeremiah and many others who suffered because of their faith. In all these cases we find that they endured and were made stronger for their endurance. You will find also, that after each trial is won, you will be drawn that much closer to your God.

We are instructed throughout the Bible to endure all things and my prayer is that we might have sufficient faith and trust in God to win continually and thus gain the crown of eternal life.

A verse that I think is especially comforting in the dark hours is found in 2 Timothy 3:12, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." I think this is why Peter told us to rejoice in our tribulations, for by this, one is assured that he is God's child. We know He tried the children of Israel to see if they truly loved Him and to make them worthy of their promised land. So God tries His children of today, that they might be pure and blameless—fit vessels to enter into the promised land, the Kingdom of God.

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Be not content with doing your duty—do more. It is the horse that finishes a neck ahead that wins the race.—*Andrew Carnegie.*

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Joyful?—pray with thanksgiving.

Mistreated?—then pray.



## Please Explain

**Question:** What house is Paul writing about in 2 Corinthians 5:1? Is it in heaven now?

**Reply:** "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1).

Note again the words herein used figuratively: "tabernacle," "earthly house," and "building." These all, evidently, refer to the body the saved expect to have—that we may be "clothed upon . . . of life." In chapter 6:16 we read, ". . . ye are the temple of the living God; . . ."

In 2 Corinthians 5 again, we learn of Paul's desire to have life (eternal life) that it may swallow up mortality. We have mortal bodies now, which are subject to decay, ruin, disease and death.

Verse 2, "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven." The same writer on the same subject (Romans 8:23) says, ". . . we ourselves groan within ourselves waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

In 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 Paul explains when this redemption, or this clothing process will take place—simply at the resurrection when the last trump sounds when Jesus comes. To the Colossians he said, ". . . your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with him in glory" (3:3-4).

We have no idea that there are now thousands of lifeless bodies stored away in heaven, waiting for Jesus to bring them

with Him when He comes so that we may inhabit them. It is not necessary to create immortal bodies for the saved any time ahead of the resurrection. What good would they be stacked away, lifeless and inactive?

Not until the resurrection will we live again and have immortality, and ". . . then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death shall be swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor. 15:54. See also 1 Peter 1:13).

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they have tasted of the other side. They will want to come back, though chagrined, and they may, but they will always have that blot on their lives to distress them. Such is the experience of one who strays from God. Let us take care to remain true to the trust He left us.

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Most powerful is he who has himself in his own power.

—Seneca.

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## NOTICE

Hello Again . . .

We have about 800 or perhaps 1000 of the west coast "Faith For Our Time" radio program notices and 1500 of the notices for the central section. Those of you who can help get these out to the people please let us know and we will be glad to send them to you till they are gone.

The number we have sent out up to now is about 10,000. Please help us finish this project for we have another we wish to start.

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